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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2878

Application No.: 10/705,816

Examiner: Brian J. Livedalen

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For: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD WITH
SUBSTRATE MEASUREMENT NOT THROUGH LIQUID

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant confirms with appreciation the receipt of the Notice of Allowability for the above-identified application.

Applicant notes that the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form states that the title of this application is "Lithographic Apparatus and Device Manufacturing Method". The correct title, as amended in the Amendment filed October 20, 2006, is indicated above.

In reply to the Examiner's reasons for allowance in this application, Applicant notes that portions of the Examiner's comments paraphrase claim features and thus do not accurately represent the actual claim language. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are and should be deemed patentable for the actual claim language recited therein. Applicant also respectfully submits that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that no one element or

limitation in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for patentability of the claims.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submit that the independent claims are all separately patentable from each other and are patentable for the subject matter specifically recited as a whole in each of those claims. Applicant also submits that the dependent claims are allowable for their dependence on the allowed independent claims and further for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

These comments are being filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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